

PLAN
OF
A FEMALE FRIENDLY SOCIETY
AT
ST. ALBAN'S.

THE establishment of Friendly Societies amongst Men having received the sanction of the Legislature, on account of the great benefit which the lower classes of the community have invariably derived from them, endeavours have been used in several places to establish similar Institutions for the relief of WOMEN, and wherever the attempt has been made it has been attended with success.

Friendly
Societies.

The attention of the Inhabitants of St. Alban's and the adjacent villages is now called to the same object; and as the contributions required of women are so small as to be insufficient to enable the funds to answer the various purposes to which they are designed, without the aid of Honorary Members, the wealthier part of the inhabitants are earnestly solicited to give their countenance and support to this Institution, which is intended to provide relief for a considerable number of females at the most trying and expensive times, viz: in Sickness, Lying-in, and Old Age, whereby it is hoped the comfort of the poor will be greatly increased, and the poor-rates proportionably diminished.

Until a certain number of Honorary Members have subscribed, it will not be possible to fix upon many of the regulations necessary towards carrying this plan into execution:—but the following is submitted to their consideration.

THE PLAN.

Honorary members to subscribe not less than ten shillings and six-pence per annum; eight guineas constitute an honorary member for life.

Honorary
Members.

Benefited Members to pay three-pence a week, or thirteen pence a month; with entrance money according to their age as follows:—

Benefited
Members.

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From the age of 12 to 15 —	0	0
from 15 to 18 —	1	0
18 to 20 —	1	6
20 to 25 —	2	6
25 to 30 —	5	0
30 to 35 —	7	6
35 to 40 —	10	6
Every married woman —	10	6

Sickness
 No relief to be granted to a benefited member until she has made good her payments for one year ; after which she will be intitled, in case of sickness, to five shillings a week while she is so ill as to keep her bed, and to two shillings and sixpence a week as long as the Committee shall judge it necessary.—In cases of lying-in, to six shillings a week for the two first weeks, and four shillings a week for the two last.—And in old age, a pension of three shillings a week from 65 years old to 70, and of six shillings a week from 70 for the remainder of her life. These last allowances will be increased, the former to five and the latter to ten shillings, whenever the fund will safely allow of it.

Money. All money raised for the benefit of this Institution by subscription, donation, fines, legacies, &c. to be put into the hands of the trustees who shall invest it in the public funds.

Trustees. The Trustees are to consist of the following persons :
 1st. the Mayor of St. Alban's for the time being.
 2dly, the Rector of St. Alban's
 3dly, the Vicar of St. Peter's
 4thly, the Vicar of St. Michael's
 5thly, the Vicar of Saundridge
 6thly, the Vicar of St. Stephen's
 7thly, all persons making a donation of 20l. or upwards.
 8thly, to these may be added a patroness to be chosen by the above.

Committee. The interior direction of the Institution to be carried on by the patroness and the ladies, honorary members, with such benefited members as they shall select for that purpose.—More circumstantial regulations shall be laid down as soon as the committee is formed.

Names of the honorary Members to be sent in. All persons who are desirous of promoting this benevolent institution are requested to send in their names, with the sums they intend to subscribe, to the Countess Dowager SPENCER, at Holywell House, or to any of the above Trustees, on or before the *last* day of *the month of September*.



